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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Docket No.: TIF-26270

David R. Thomas

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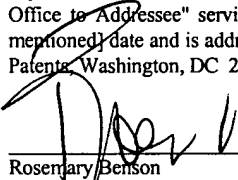
Title: **A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GENERATING VIDEO IMAGES**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

May 20, 1999

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

"EXPRESS MAIL" mailing label number <b>EL071335546US</b> , Date of Deposit: : <b>May 20, 1999</b> . I hereby certify that the accompanying Application is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37CFR 1.10 on the [above-mentioned] date and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, DC 20231.	
 Rosemary Benson	<b>5-20-99</b> Date

Prior to the calculation of the filing fee for the above-identified application, please the amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓  
Please cancel Claims 17, 28, and 30 without prejudice.

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Please amend Claims 3-7, 9, 12, 15, 18-22, 24, and 29:

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3. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 1 [or Claim 2,] wherein said step of selecting said region comprises selecting a region defining a foreground object.